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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed September 19, 2006, Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks.

A petition for a two-month extension of time is hereby submitted herewith, thereby extending the time for responding to the Official Action from December 19, 2006 to and including February 19, 2007.